

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 14 and 18 are amended and claims 1-21 remain in the application.
Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a computing product comprising:
 - placing an assembled computing product in a shipping container to provide a containerized computing product;
 - transmitting configuration information to the assembled computing product via a wireless communication connection to track, monitor and confirm work in progress until manufacturing is completed;
 - receiving the configuration information by the assembled computing product; and
 - configuring the containerized computing product with the received configuration information, via the wireless configuration information.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information is hardware configuration information.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information is software configuration information.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting configuration information further comprises:
 - wirelessly transmitting driver information for peripheral devices to the assembled computing product.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting configuration information further comprises:
wirelessly transmitting operating system configuration information to the assembled computing product.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting configuration information further comprises:
wirelessly transmitting application software configuration information to the assembled computing product.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
wirelessly transmitting application software to the assembled computing product.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the application software is selected by a predetermined customer.
9. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the application software configuration is defined by a predetermined customer.
10. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the application software configuration is defined by a customer's service provider.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the specified hardware configuration in the assembling is a customer selected configuration.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the computing product is a battery powered portable computer system.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
confirming the computing product is appropriately configured subsequent to the configuring.
14. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a battery-powered portable computer system, the computer system having a wireless communication subsystem, the method comprising:
assembling a computer system according to a selected hardware configuration;
placing the computer system in a shipping container thus providing a containerized computer system;
transmitting configuration information to the containerized computer system to track, monitor and confirm work in progress until manufacturing is completed;
receiving the configuration information by the containerized computer system through the wireless communication subsystem; and
configuring the containerized computer system according to the configuration information.
15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 further comprising:
putting the containerized computer system into a standby state prior to placing the computer system in the shipping container.
16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 further comprising:
waking up the computer from the stand by state prior to the transmitting.
17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 further comprising:
putting the containerized computer system into a power down state subsequent to the configuring.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of configuring a computer system, the computer system having a wireless communication subsystem, the method comprising:
 - assembling a computer system according to a predetermined hardware configuration;
 - placing the computer system in a shipping container thus providing a containerized computer system; and
 - completing software configuration of the containerized computer system to track, monitor and confirm work in progress before shipping the computer system to a predetermined customer by exchanging information between the wireless communication subsystem and a wireless information network.
19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the completing further comprises:
 - transmitting configuration information through the wireless information network to the containerized computer system; and
 - receiving the configuration information by the containerized computer system through the wireless communication subsystem.
20. (Original) The method of claim 19 further comprising:
 - configuring the containerized computer system according to the received configuration information before shipping the computer system.
21. (Original) The method of claim 19 further comprising:
 - configuring the containerized computer system when the computer system is first turned on by the customer.